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8. [redacted] and I met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and briefed him on activation [redacted] explaining that preliminary results were promising but a detailed assessment would not be possible for the next two or three weeks.

We provided Woodruff with a copy of the OER paper on the effects of the war on the Cambodian economy.

We also discussed with Woodruff the current situation in the Senate with regard to amendments (such as Cooper/Church and McGovern/Hatfield) and the impact which they might have on legislation such as the Foreign Military Sales Act and the Armed Services Procurement Act which are being considered by the Senate. Woodruff maintained a very strong position to the effect that the Agency should follow the theory that the Director's authority, particularly section 5 of the CIA Act of 1949 as amended, is not affected by any of the legislative proposals which are being advocated. When we questioned Woodruff about the practical problems Senator Stennis might encounter on the floor of the Senate, he said Stennis should take the same public position that his (the Appropriations Committee) members would take, i.e., these are matters that are not discussed openly.

Woodruff also repeated his earlier recommendation that the Director discuss current problems, particularly those regarding funds, with Senator Ellender and Senator Milton Young.

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